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## WHAT IS A WOMAN? THEY ASK

IN ENGLAND SHE IS LEGALLY NOT A PERSON.

Indignation Over the House of Lords Decision—Art in France Pronounced Not Up to the Mark—The Kaiser With His Eighty Estates Short of Money—Prince of Wales to Relieve King Edward—Daughter of the Supposed Dauphin Dead—Aluminum Money—Sedition by Gramophone in India.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A woman is not a person. So the House of Lords, the ultimate court of appeal in Great Britain, decided the other day in dismissing the appeal of the woman graduates of the Scottish universities from the judgment of the Scottish courts that they were not entitled to vote in the election of those Members of Parliament who represent the universities.

Two women graduates, Miss Macmillan and Miss Simson, appeared in person to argue the appeal. In dismissing the appeal the Lord Chancellor, Lord Loreburn, declared that no authentic and plain case of a woman giving a vote had been brought before them from ancient records. The disability of women had always been taken for granted. It was notorious that this right of voting had been confined to men; that was the constant tradition and practice from the earliest times down to this day.

The appellants urged that the legal disability of women was removed by the representation of the people (Scotland) act of 1883, which while confining to men the franchise described in other sections used in section 27 the word "persons." Lord Loreburn, while agreeing that "persons" would prima facie include women, held that the section limited "persons" to those who were not subject to any legal incapacity. By English law, it may be recalled here, those classed under this term are "aliens, idiots, lunatics, except during lucid intervals, infants, pious, convicted felons, some others—and women."

Besides at the time the act was passed women could not be graduates of a university. If this legal disability of women were to be removed, concluded the Lord Chancellor, it must be done by act of Parliament, but until then he was of the opinion that women are not "persons."

This decision has brought a swarm of indignant letters from women to every newspaper office in the United Kingdom. "What," they ask, "are we if we are not persons? Dictionaries describe a 'person' as a living, self-conscious being, as distinct from an animal, thing or person." The riddle is evidently too much for even newspaper editors.

That the law in this respect stands in need of revision in other countries besides England is shown by the experience of a Frenchwoman who was travelling by train from Brussels to Paris the other day. At the Franco-Belgian frontier station she was asked whether she had anything to declare. She said no, but the customs officer in looking through her gripcase came upon a box three-quarters full of cigarettes and said she must pay duty on them.

She replied that the cigarettes were for her own use and that the regulations permitted fumers (smokers) to take a broken box in free.

"Yes," said the customs man, "but the regulations apply only to fumers, not to fumuses (woman smokers). The fumusee is not a person recognized by the law."

Being wiser of no avail; the official was adamant. That was the law, and the lady had to pay the duty.

In the report on the budget of fine arts which Gustav Rivet has just printed to the French Senate he finds little that he can praise. He regrets that he has discovered no masterpiece in either the State aided theatres or the art exhibitions.

He thinks that French painters are too ready to content themselves with rough sketches and impressions and to cover up the absence of composition and design by improbable colors. At the theatre M. Rivet sees with regret the invasion of foreign authors and fears the day is coming when Paris will no longer be the source of supply of the world's stages.

He thinks M. Antoine has frightened the usual audience from the Odéon by the nature of the plays he has produced. As for the Opéra, M. Rivet says that the new scenery and new dresses for "Faust" were quite useless. "Faust" as formerly produced pleased people more.

He regrets that the first French stage is not as regards machinery up to the standard of some European stages, for example Budapest. He would like to see fewer foreign artists engaged. He compliments M. Messager on his admirable production from an orchestral point of view of Wagner's "Götterdämmerung."

Turning to the Opéra Comique, M. Rivet blames the director, M. Carré, for giving the chief places as musical directors to a Belgian and a Swiss. "Have we not," he asks, "Prix de Rome winners capable of directing the Opéra Comique orchestra?"

M. Carré is further blamed for offering to the public too many foreign works. Every effort of our national theatres should tend before everything to the development, the popularizing and the glory of our national art," he declares.

The cable has told the news that the Kaiser is about to sell five of his castles with a view to retrenching his expenses, which have been very heavy owing to his costly journeys and lavish parties on all state occasions in recent years. No other monarch possesses so many castles as William II., who owns about fifty of varying size and magnificence.

He has three in Berlin, thirteen in Potsdam and three in Cassel, Stettin, Strassburg, Charlottenburg, Breslau, Coblenz and other places in the empire also have imperial castles.

The Kaiser has always had a weakness for splendid palaces. In 1895 a splendid palace was begun in Posen, East Prussia, estimated to cost \$25,000. This year the Kaiser purchased, at a cost of \$40,000, the beautiful Villa Achilleon in Corfu, which was built for the late Empress of Austria sixteen years ago.

The famous medieval Hohenzollern Castle in Alsace, which had been restored from its ruins, was reopened by him in May. The work cost more than \$20,000.

Residences are also given to him by his admirers. Last February M. Mendels-

sohn-Bartholdy presented the Kaiser with the Villa Fabronieri, at Frascati.

The Kaiser has more than eighty estates, with a total area of 250,000 acres. Cadzand, the German Sandringham, is a special favorite of his.

The cable on the Kaiser's purse enormous and though he has an income of \$200,000 as King of Prussia in addition to his private means, he finds it impossible to make ends meet. He is probably the poorest of millionaires.

The following advertisement appeared recently in a fashionable London morning newspaper:

Ladies of independent means are invited to communicate in confidence with titled woman, with a view to a certain social alliance.

A reporter answered the advertisement, and on pledging himself to keep secret all names and addresses was allowed to penetrate into the headquarters of this Social Alliance Bureau. He found it in a fashionable street. Outwardly it is an ordinary, well-to-do West End private house, its doors bristling with the shining plates of fashionable doctors.

Here in a spacious suite of rooms he met the business manager, whom he describes as a pleasant, eager faced, vivacious, gray haired lady. She assured him that the idea was succeeding beyond all expectations. She herself was the business manager for her friend and partner, the lady of title.

"I call myself a professional diplomatist," said she. "Of course I am well known now and people know that they can thoroughly trust me."

"I made diplomatic commissions pay very well for a long time, then a little while ago came the idea for a sort of fashionable and aristocratic matrimonial bureau. Of course it could not have the outward attributes of the ordinary matrimonial agencies and everything would depend on the utmost tact. We inserted one little advertisement, and directly fashionable people knew with whom they were communicating letters simply inundated us."

"Our customers rise even above the peerage. One of our clients is the cousin of a most exalted personage."

As to the method of operation it is the business manager's custom when a man writes to go and look him over so as to see whom he would be likely to suit. If he is judged to be impossible he is told so at once. There are no entrance fees and the question of payment is one of the most tactful parts of the business.

"After all," said the manager, "it is only what has been done scratchily throughout society for years past. We have simply attempted to organize it properly."

While the King has been ill the Prince of Wales, who very sincerely dislikes the work, has transacted most of the affairs of state usually dealt with by the King. For the last few years the Prince has had to undertake a certain amount of work of this sort, and when the King is at Buckingham Palace the Prince visits him every morning to relieve him of as much of his routine business as possible.

It is now intended that the Prince of Wales for the future shall do as much of the King's work as possible. The Prince will therefore spend much more time in Marlborough House than he has hitherto, while he and the Princess will make their country home at Frogmore rather than at York Cottage, which is felt to be rather too far from London.

Few fictions are more widely spread than the idea that what the King does invariably sets the fashion. Of course

he does set the style of dress for the various functions he attends, and at the same time to which he goes in a tall hat and frock coat all men who are or wish to appear to be in the swim also wear top hats and frock coats.

But during the last year the King has most frequently worn a very dark blue frock coat, an example followed by scarcely any of his subjects. Another example of how the King fails to set a fashion may be seen in the matter of the buttonhole flower. He invariably wears a flower in his buttonhole, and each morning his servant submits three for him to choose from. Yet few really smart men in London society follow the practice. You may wander through half a dozen of the best clubs in town and not see one blossom in a coat. Even among the dandies of the House of Commons there is only one regular flower wearer, Godfrey Baring, member for the Isle of Wight.

Two fashions there are for which the King is undoubtedly responsible in recent years. One is the soft felt Tyrolean hat and the other the long leather tongue which falls in a fringe over the instep of a shooting or golf shoe.

In the course of some remarks on the discipline at Oxford University a few weeks ago reference was made to the perturbation caused in the minds of the authorities by the motor car. Since then the powers at Cambridge have taken action and a new university statute has been passed which prevents any person in statu pupillari from keeping a motor car or a motorcycle within the precincts of the university without a license from the senior proctor, or hiring any motor propelled vehicle without signing his name in a book provided by the university, and any tradesman or other person who shall assist a student in evading these regulations will be liable to be discontinued. To be discontinued means that the university will make it impossible for a tradesman to do business with any member of the university.

An interesting wager has been made by two English politicians, F. D. Acland, M. P., and Sir Walter Palmer, the former Tory member for Salisbury. The question at issue is whether the difference in wheat prices between Berlin and London is almost wholly caused by the duty.

Mr. Acland says it is, and that this proves that the consumer is mulcted to the extent of the duty. Sir Walter Palmer denies the assertion and declares that the difference in price is only half the duty, and that this proves that the consumer is not mulcted to the extent of the whole duty. The stake is \$50 a side, the sum in any case to be given to a benevolent institution. Bonar Law has been made referee.

In the *Isis*, the Oxford undergraduate magazine, the week is thus summarized:

SUNDAY.  
The Sabbath day is Sun.  
When work must not be done.

MONDAY.  
Mon's far too close to Sun.  
For labor. Rest on Mon.

TUESDAY.  
"Midweek work's best," I muse;  
Not quite midweek is Tues.

WEDNESDAY.  
My vital force it deadens  
Somehow to toil on Wednes.

THURSDAY.  
At breakfast time on Thurs.  
"Let's start on Fri," one purrs.

FRIDAY.  
The day of fasting's Fri.  
From toil a faster I.

SATURDAY.  
Few work most ply on Satur.  
Myself, I do the latter.

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At \$1.39. Combination Corset Cover and Drawers; Cover is elaborated with embroidered medallions, outlined with lace insertions, lace trimmed Drawers; others of cross bar lawn; Cover is prettily trimmed with laces in pointed effect.

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At 98c. Fine cambric top, extra size Skirts, trimmed with a three-section cluster tucked hemstitched ruffle, also dust ruffle.

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At 98c. Extra size cambric Gowns, V neck, two insertions of open eyelet embroidery and clusters of fine tucking in yoke, embroidery ruffle on neck and sleeves.

At 98c. Extra size nainsook slip-over Gowns, trimmed with insertion and ruffle of the embroidery and ribbon run heading, short sleeves with embroidery ruffle.

Others at \$1.18.

### Drawers at 24c. to 79c.

At 24c. Extra size cambric Drawers, trimmed with cambric hemstitched ruffle.

At 34c. Extra size heavy cambric Drawers, trimmed with a tucked cambric and hemstitched ruffle; others with hemstitched tucked ruffle.

At 49c. Heavy muslin, extra size Drawers with cambric ruffle and two clusters of hemstitched tucks; others of Cambric, tucked and trimmed with ruffle of embroidery.

At 59c. Extra size cambric Drawers, lawn hemstitched tucked umbrella ruffle, trimmed with embroidery.

Others at 79c.

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Table Cloths, Napkins, Table Damask, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Blankets, Flannels and White Dress Fabrics Underpriced.

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